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BRITISH WARSHIPS BOMBARDED DARDANELLES FORTS YESTERDAY

FOUR WARSHIPS ENTERED DARDANELLES YESTERDAY, WHILE BIG GUNS SHELLED FORTS FROM GULF OF SAROS—ANOTHER BOAT IS TORPEDOED IN THE NORTH SEA.

Petrograd Says Russian Black Sea Torpedo Squadron Bombed Fifteen Mile Strip of Turkish Coast Near Archav. Doing Much Damage—Russians Endeavoring to Hamper German Advance in Russian Poland, Destroying Everything that Would be of Advantage to the Germans—Asphyxiate Bombs Used by Germans with Success Yesterday North of Arras—Russian Aeroplane Dropped Fifteen Bombs on Plock, Hitting Many German Boats on the Vistula.

Paris, April 23.—Four British warships entered the Dardanelles yesterday and bombarded the forts for three hours, while the allies' big guns at the same time shelled the forts from the Gulf of Saros.

It is reported that the bombardment at Smyrna has been resumed.

Dropped Bombs Upon Plock

London, April 23.—A Russian aeroplane yesterday dropped fifteen bombs on Plock, hitting several German boats on the Vistula and the railroad station, and another aeroplane did considerable damage to German trenches near Miawa.

French Forced Back

Paris, April 23.—It is officially announced that the Germans yesterday used large quantities of asphyxiate bombs north of Ypres, thereby forcing the French to retire toward the Yser. The effect of these bombs was felt for a distance of a mile and one-half.

Near St. Mihiel, the French captured over a quarter of a mile of trenches and one hundred prisoners.

Peasants Live in Ground

Berlin, April 23.—Thousands of Polish peasants are living in holes in the ground due to the complete destruction wrought by the Russians in the Russian territory on their retreat from the German border. Russia's purpose apparently is to hamper the German advance.

Turkish Coast Shelled

Petrograd, April 23.—The Russian Black Sea torpedo squadron bombarded a fifteen mile strip of Turkish coast Monday near Archava, doing much damage.

Another Trawler Sunk

Grimsby, Eng., April 23.—The trawler St. Lawrence was torpedoed and sunk in the North Sea yesterday by a German submarine. Two of the crew were killed and the others were rescued by the trawler Queenstown, which reports that the submarine shelled it while the Queenstown was trying to rescue the survivors of the St. Lawrence.

Germans Met No Resistance

Berlin, April 23.—The admiralty announces "The German high sea fleet recently cruised repeatedly in the North Sea and advanced into English waters without meeting the sea forces of Great Britain."

Aviators Watching Italy

Rome, April 23.—Word has been received from Ancona that an Austrian aeroplane was seen last night scouting in the Italian coast along the Adriatic sea. The aeroplane was equipped with strong searchlights. The authorities are attempting to identify the aeroplane.

A report reached Rome from Petrograd today that Italy had sent a note to Austria which virtually amounted to an ultimatum. The note is said to embody the minimum terms upon which Italy will consent to conclude an agreement with Austria. It is impossible to confirm this report here.

General opinion in Rome is that an agreement still may be reached. Nevertheless, military preparations are being continued with the greatest energy along the frontier where Austria is concentrating her troops.

All German and Austrian subjects in Switzerland, even those who never did military service, were recalled yesterday by their respective governments, according to a dispatch from Geneva. The dispatch adds:

"News reached Lugano this morning that the Italian government had

TURTLE BAY AFFAIR PLEASES GERMANY

"MAY DRAW UNITED STATES INTO WAR WITH JAPANESE"—SAYS GROUNDING OF CRUISER NOT AN ACCIDENT.

Berlin, via London, April 22.—The Post, in an editorial article entitled "The American Troubles," casts doubt upon the genuineness of the accident which caused the grounding of the Japanese cruiser Asama in Turtle Bay, Lower California.

The paper says there are two possible explanations of this incident. One is an effort to put pressure on Washington to relieve the situation at Peking, while the other is an attempt to secure a naval base in Mexico. This would touch America's sorest point, the paper says, namely, the Monroe Doctrine. America must either give Japan a free hand in China, or demand that Japan leave Mexico. This would mean war.

"Continuing," the paper says: "Germany would view such a war with mixed feelings. While we do not desire a victory of the yellow race over the white, nevertheless America has no claim to the love or respect of the Germans. We would be satisfied to know that this country which first became a state at the expenditure of German blood and German energy, should, from its present condition of unsympathetic contentment, come to know the bitter necessities of war."

SAYS BARNES HAD GOOD AND BAD SIDES

ROOSEVELT LIKENS THE REPUBLICAN BOSS OF NEW YORK TO "DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE"—FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 23.—Theodore Roosevelt under examination today said he regarded Barnes as "a sort of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," who, like other politicians, had his good and bad sides.

Roosevelt said he tried to have Barnes' good side absorb his bad side. Letters were introduced to show of the friendly relations between Roosevelt and Barnes.

OUR EXPORTS WILL RUN INTO THE BILLIONS

SECRETARY REDFIELD SAYS THE AMERICAN EXPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR WILL BE ABOUT \$2,750,000,000.

Washington, D. C., April 23.—Secretary Redfield announced today that the American exports for the present fiscal year will probably total two and three-quarter billion dollars.

The United States exports last month were fifty-nine million dollars in breadstuffs, as against eight million for the previous March.

WEATHER FORECAST
New Orleans, La., April 23.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is partly cloudy in the west, with probably thunderstorms in the eastern portion. Saturday fair.

NEGROES HELD UP WHITE MAN LAST NIGHT

CALLED ON FRIEND IN NORTHWEST ARDMORE AND WAS ON HIS WAY BACK TO HOTEL WHEN ROBBERY OCCURRED.

Last night while Charles Host, a traveling salesman from Chattanooga, Tenn., was returning from a visit to a friend in the northwest part of the city he was accosted by two negroes near the Ringling railroad crossing on B street. The negroes pushed a gun under his nose and commanded him to raise his hands, after which they went through his clothes in a systematic manner, relieving him of his pocketbook with all the money he possessed, and some papers. After the holdup he followed the negroes to the old round-bale gin where they were met by two negro women and all four proceeded east of the Santa Fe tracks.

He reported the matter to the police, who are on the trail of the hold-ups, and with a good chance of capturing them.

The question of the idle negro in the city, and the idle white man also, was the subject of considerable discussion around the court house and city hall this morning, and the chances are that there is going to be an exodus of that class of "never-sweats," who are well groomed, and who have never been known to do an honest day's work. Petty thievery and holdups are getting altogether too common in a city of this size and the officers have about decided to augment the chala gang on the city streets to the entire number found in town with no visible means of support, and, too, when the fine is assessed, it was suggested that in all probability the very limit would be the very smallest they would draw. Traveling men at the hotel this morning loaned money to their fellow-traveler, to make his territory until he could hear from home.

JURY TO PASS ON SANITY OF HARRY THAW

SLAYER OF STANFORD WHITE WINS PARTIAL VICTORY WHEN SUPREME COURT GRANTS APPLICATION.

New York, April 23.—Supreme Court Judge Hendrick today granted Harry K. Thaw's application on a habeas corpus writ to have a jury decide on his sanity.

THE FIRST OF A SERIES

Ardmore Lodge B. P. O. E. Entertained Last Evening at Cards.

A goodly number of Elks, together with their wives and sweethearts gathered last evening at the Elks' home for a few hours' pleasant entertainment at cards. "500" was the game played, and Mrs. Krueger and Mr. Fred Horn proved the most proficient. Fred is smoking some good cigars today. The ladies' prize was a handsome pair of silk stockings.

Mr. Krueger acted as master of ceremonies, ably assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Buchanan, and a number of others.

"After the card games dancing was indulged in for a short time, and all vowed that the evening was "the best ever." Delicious refreshments were served.

A number of similar entertainments are planned for the near future, and all Elks, in good standing will be invited.

Mrs. E. N. Harlow has the misfortune to be severely burned yesterday by dropping a pan of boiling water she was carrying. Her lower limbs were badly scalded.

LAST NIGHT'S STORM COST LIVES OF TWO DOZEN PEOPLE

REPORTS FROM OVER SOUTHWEST SHOW DAMAGE IN MANY SECTIONS—EIGHT INCHES OF RAIN AT AUSTIN RESULTED IN DROWNING OF FIFTEEN TO TWENTY PEOPLE.

Railroad Traffic in All Directions Demoralized by High Water and Washouts—Lightning Also Did Much Damage Causing Many Big Fires—Thrall Oil Field Suffered Heavily from Fires Resulting from Lightning—Big Lumber Mill Burned by Lightning at Mineola. Christoval, Texas, Man Killed by Lightning. Home of C. S. Ezell Near Austin Swept Away, Carrying Eight Members of Two Families Housed Therein—Douglas Veasey of Garven Valley Killed by Lightning While Driving Home from Mineola.

ROSES FOR CENTRAL PARK PURCHASED

LANDSCAPE GARDENER HAS AGREED TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE WORK AND FURNISH THE PLANTS.

The movement which was undertaken by H. B. Harts to collect money for the purpose of buying roses for Central park, by the committee of the Ardmore High School Mothers' club, has progressed as well or better than was expected. Mr. Harts succeeded in collecting twelve dollars from those interested in beautifying the city, and this money was put at the disposal of the committee.

Arrangements have been completed for buying roses and setting them out. Woerz Bros., who are at the present time building a new greenhouse and floral plant in this city, have offered to furnish more plants than the money will buy, superintend the preparation of the beds, and the setting out of the plants. Their civic pride and the hopes of future advertising have induced them to agree to place one hundred and sixty-four rose bushes in the Central park for the twelve dollars collected.

Their proposition, which is now in the hands of the Mothers' club committee, is to have four beds of forty-one bushes each, each bed to be V-shaped and be placed in the corners made by the sidewalks and the crosswalks of the park. Two of these beds are to be placed in the northeast corner. On account of the size of the trees, roses will not do well in the northwest corner.

The idea of so arranging the beds is to make it the start of a system of beds or borders to relieve the stiff or straight lines of the park. A system which will not prevent the open places of the park being used as a playground for the children.

It is to be hoped that this system can be followed and each year a little more added in the way of permanent shrubbery and flowering bushes. It is also to be hoped that all will take an interest in the work and aid in seeing that no vandalism is tolerated and no bushes or flowers are wantonly broken or destroyed.

TO TRAIN IN WHEAT FIELDS.

Eastern Schools May Send Football Teams West.

Topeka, Kas., April 22.—Students from a dozen big Eastern colleges are coming to Kansas this summer to help harvest the wheat crop. Letters received by J. C. Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture, indicate that some of the big schools may send their football and athletic stars west for mid-summer training on Kansas wheat stacks.

For several weeks letters have been coming to Topeka indicating that the big schools will be represented in harvesting the 1915 wheat crop. Now organizations are being formed in several of the colleges to help gather the Kansas grain.

Ardmoreites Want Ads bring results Try them.

Dallas, Texas, April 23.—Reports indicating that last night's storms in the southwest cost two dozen lives, reached here today.

In Austin, the loss of life from the eight-inch rain, causing all creeks to overflow, is estimated at fifteen to twenty.

At Garden City, East Texas, Douglas Veasey was killed by lightning, while driving a team home from Mineola. At Christoval, Texas, H. G. Goldwire was killed by lightning.

At Ramsell, Texas, W. L. Boynton was killed in a train wreck, due to soft track.

The storm covered nearly all of Texas and Oklahoma. Railroads reported washouts in every direction.

Lightning burned dozens of houses and caused several big fires, the worst being in the Thrall oil field.

The Fowle Lumber Company's mill was burned by lightning at Mineola.

Lightning at Lampasas, Texas, broke hundreds of windows and smashed many big trees.

The Austin rain caused Waller and Shoal Creeks to become a mile wide. C. S. Ezell's home was swept away in these creeks. Ezell escaped, but it is believed that eight other persons of the Ezell and King families in this house perished.

Twelve Known Dead

Austin, Texas, April 23.—Twelve are known to be dead in the flood here, five missing and believed to be drowned, while one hundred families are homeless. The property loss here is half a million dollars. The property loss throughout the state is estimated at one million dollars.

Thrall Oil Field Afire

Temple, April 23.—A special from Taylor says:

The Thrall oil field is on fire. About 9 o'clock last night lightning struck a storage tank and at midnight the fire had spread over the field and more than 150,000 barrels of oil is burning.

The First Thrall Oil company has three tanks on fire, the McMurphy company three tanks, the Bowers-Witherspoon company three tanks, and several tanks of the Corsicana Petroleum company are burning.

Pierce-Fordyce Plant Afire.

Dallas, April 23.—The plant of the Pierce-Fordyce Oil association in this city was set afire early this morning by lightning. A general alarm has been turned in.

At 2:30 o'clock the fire was still burning, but had not spread from the warehouse.

The loss is estimated at \$140,000.

TO DISQUALIFY TRIAL JUDGE.

Oklahoma City, April 22.—A writ of mandamus for the disqualification of Judge Preston S. Davis to sit in the trial of James F. McCullough, charged with embezzlement in Craig county, was granted by the criminal court of appeals today.

McCullough formerly was clerk of the county court of Craig county. In his petition he alleged that Davis during the last campaign referred to McCullough's office in uncomplimentary terms and stumped the county against the judge, who gave McCullough his position.

Local 1028 carpenters' union of this city, donated a day's work toward the erection of two rooms to the residence of Mrs. Lillie Jordan who lives in the northeast part of the city. J. A. Pritchard was foreman in charge of the work.